

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Bethune called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening: Mayor Bethune invited Mr. Gerald Ethridge, Deacon of the First Baptist Church of Garden City to give the invocation. Mayor Bethune led City Council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Bethune presided. **City Council Members:** Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice. Absent: Mayor Pro-tem Bessie Kicklighter.

Staff: Ron Feldner, City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Rhonda Ferrell Bowles, Finance Director/ Clerk of Council; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Cliff Ducey, Parks & Recreation Director; Jackie Jackson, Special Projects Coordinator; Gilbert Ballard, Chief of Police; Ron Alexander, Planning Director and Kurt Lewis, Assistant Fire Chief.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Bethune opened the floor to receive comment from the audience. There being no comments or questions from the audience, Mayor Bethune closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 4/15/19 and workshop synopsis 4/22/19.

Staff Reports:

HR Director gave the Human Resources Department's report for the month of April.

IT Director gave the Information Technology Department's report for the month of April.

Recreation Director gave the Parks & Recreation Department's report for the month of April.

City Manager's Updates and Announcements: City Manager said all the municipalities presented their SPLOST projects to the County today. We anticipate future dialog as the County begins fine tuning the list of projects. The County is scheduled to approve the list of projects at their July 26th meeting.

Items for Consideration:

Second Reading - Ordinance, Charter Amendment – Mayor & City Council Compensation: Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend Section 2.04, Article II, of the Charter of Garden City, Georgia, to increase the salaries of Mayor and Councilmembers pursuant to Section 36-35-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, as amended.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Water & Sewer Connection Fees for Certain Development Projects: Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 82 of the Garden City Code relating to utilities, by adding a section 82-186 to Article V thereof pertaining to water and sewer rates and charges for the purpose of reducing the water and sewer connection fees for certain development projects within the City's urban redevelopment area.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

Second Reading - Ordinance, Building Permits & Inspection Fees for Certain Development Projects: Clerk of Council read for the second reading the heading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 18 of the Garden City Code, relating to Buildings and Building Regulations, for the purpose of updating several code sections to correct clerical errors and/or update certain fee amounts, as well as for the purpose of adding Section 18-85 to reduce fees for building permits and inspections under Code Section 18-51, as to certain development projects within the City's urban development area.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

First Reading - Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (1302 & 1252 Dean Forest Rd.): Clerk of Council read for the first reading the heading of an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia; to rezone a portion of Lot 191 Silk Hope Farms Subdivision, and Lot A of the Dudley Subdivision, a subdivision of Lot 190 Silk Hope Farms Subdivision, owned by East Coast Properties, Leokate, and Baskets Unlimited, from their present zoning classification of "R-1" to a "C-2" zoning classification.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Cody, to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Campbell, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Ruiz and Councilmember Tice voted in favor with Councilmember Daniel opposed.

Resolution, Specialty Isolation Valve Installations: Clerk of Council read the heading of a resolution by the Mayor & City Council to award a contract for the purchase and installation of four (4) specialized 6-inch "Inserta Valves" to D&R Utility Construction for the price of \$21,712.40; and to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ruiz, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Prosperity Drive Water System Design: Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and City Council to enter into an agreement with Thomas and Hutton Engineering Company to provide engineering services in connection with extending the City's water and sewer infrastructure to the Prosperity Drive area; and to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for said services.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

FY2019 Updated Schedule of Fees: Consideration by Mayor and City Council to approve an updated schedule of fees for fiscal year 2019.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the update schedule of fees for fiscal year 2019.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Ruiz, City Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Transcribed & submitted by: Clerk of Council
Accepted & approved by: City Council 5/20/19